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FOR: DEVICE FOR THE FIXATION OF DIMENSIONAL STABLE
SUITCASES

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Dear Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 04-1030.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.98, Applicant respectfully submits herewith an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), and informs the United States Patent and Trademark Office of information which may be material to the examination of the above-identified patent application. Such submission is being made prior to the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits.

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The relevant information, in part, comprises the following foreign references:

<u>COUNTRY/REF. NO</u>	<u>PUB. DATE</u>	<u>BASIS FOR RELEVANCE</u>
DE 41 32 954 A1	April 8, 1993	Fixing device for suitcases, having a frame 12 attached to the load space floor of a vehicle and having adjustable elements 18 for maintaining baggage in place
DE 295 15 128 U1	February 8, 1996	Support for baggage, consisting of platform 4 which is slidably guided along the load space floor of a vehicle and which has an opening 5 where baggage can be stored

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, copies of the foregoing references are attached for consideration by the Examiner.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned at (312) 726-4000 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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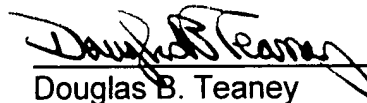
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